



“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—...”

— Galatians 1:6

**To those joining us in person and online today...THANK YOU!**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, Abbott Church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*(NOTE: Masks are required in the church in accordance with a health ordinance effective August 9, 2021 that reintroduced an indoor mask requirement for all Baltimore City residents and guests, regardless of vaccination status.)*

While we are made to worship together, sometimes that is not possible for everyone. The good news is that we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. Those those of you who are not able to attend in person can join us on our YouTube channel. The worship service is streamed live every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. God is present with us at all times, and He delights to meet with you today regardless of where you are or how many people you are with.

View or subscribe to our YouTube channel:

[https://youtube.com/channel/UC-1TC7\\_CBWDdZi8gGPNsqXw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC-1TC7_CBWDdZi8gGPNsqXw)

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You can access children's bulletins at the following address:  
[www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches](http://www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches)

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## REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

"Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever." Psalm 86:11,12

"Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." John 6:57

## GREETING & GOD'S WELCOME AND WORKINGS AT ABBOTT

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Responsive Call to Worship

*Psalm 103*

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

Leader: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: **he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

All: **Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Abba Father We Approach Thee*

**Abba, Father! We approach Thee  
In our Savior's precious name;  
We, Thy children, here assembled,  
Now Thy promised blessing claim;  
From our sins His blood hath washed us,  
'Tis through Him our souls draw nigh,  
And Thy Spirit, too, hath taught us,  
Abba, Father, thus to cry.**

**Once as prodigals we wandered  
In our folly far from Thee,  
But Thy grace, o'er sin abounding,  
Rescued us from misery;  
Thou Thy prodigals hast pardoned,  
Kissed us with a Father's love,  
Spread the festive board, and called us,  
E'er to dwell with Thee above.**

**Clothed in garments of salvation,  
At Thy table is our place,  
We rejoice, and Thou rejoicest,  
In the riches of Thy grace;  
It is meet, we hear Thee saying,  
We should merry and be glad,  
I have found My once lost children,  
Now they live who once were dead.**

**Abba, Father! all adore Thee,  
All rejoice in Heav'n above,  
While in us they learn the wonders  
Of Thy wisdom, grace, and love;  
Soon before Thy throne assembled,  
All Thy children shall proclaim,  
Glory, everlasting glory,  
Be to God and to the Lamb!**

SONG OF PRAISE

*Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost, but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me

Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh, is free indeed

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken,

I am who You say I am

You are for me, not against me

I am who You say I am

*(Repeat)*

I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed,

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, yes, I am

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.  
Heal us of our sin,  
wash us in your mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way  
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

*(Silent reflection for personal confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and  
forever. Amen**

## **OFFERING**

*The offering is a way for members and friends of Abbott Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. You can mail your giving to the church or if you would like to give online, you may do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving).*

## SONG OF WORSHIP

*There is a Hope*

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Savior there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

*Galatians 1:1-10*

**1** Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2** and all the brothers who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

**3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**6** I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **7** not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

**10** For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Craig Garriott

Counterfeit Gospel Outrage

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*



## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENT

## SONG OF ADORATION

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Chorus: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest upon unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry rough and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

[Chorus]

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

[Chorus]

When I shall launch in worlds unseen  
O may I then be found in him;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

[Chorus]

## BENEDICTION



## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

### **Prayer for those searching**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of belief**

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death, in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for those struggling with sin**

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.*

### **Prayer of commitment to God's people**

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

### **Prayer of thanksgiving**

*Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WHICH WE SUPPORT:**

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Bruce and Pat with MTW in France
- Chris Garriott with RUF at the University of Maryland
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Abbott Center for the Arts
- We Care Ministry
- Mountain View Bible Camp

Abba Father We Approach Thee  
words by James Deck (1802)  
music by Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1824)

Who You Say I Am by Ben  
Fielding and Reuben Morgan  
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There is a Hope words and  
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Townend  
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The Solid Rock words Edward  
More music William B. Bradbury

## HE HEARS

*"This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* — 1 JOHN 5:14

*"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."*  
— PSALM 145:18

### **Please pray for:**

- Julius and George for strength, stamina and rest as they continue working long and hard to support to our congregation
- Craig, Stan, and Ben as they minister to us through this season of renewal
- The envisioning team - for wisdom, encouragement, and unity as they go through the steps with Flourish to discover the vision God has for Abbott
- The future pastor of Abbott church; our Lord knows who he is
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Ongoing health concerns for the following members and friends:  
*Larry Halterman, Milly Flynn, Gene & Diane Shaw, Jackie Lubin, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin & Toni (Billie Mitchell's granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don & Lorraine Sapp, David Files*
- Lydia Frasca, receiving antibody infusions for her immune system which is attacking her body; also taking medication for seizures and has to lie down with her eyes closed for a good portion of the day.
- Al Rode, recovering from rotator cuff surgery
- Lawrence Choate's wife Joann who is battling cancer.
- Raj Mohan caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Tom Lubin caring for his wife Jackie
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband), chemotherapy
- Patty Mifsud (friend of George Lenning) cancer, intense chemotherapy
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments
- Leaders of our City, State, and Nation

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mid-Week Prayer Meeting** — Wednesdays on Zoom from 12-12:30 p.m. The link is on the Abbott FaceBook Group. You can also email [\*\*abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com) to submit a prayer request or for the link to be sent to you. You can sign on and off any time during the half-hour.

**Adult Sunday School** — Classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

**Bible study** — Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. All are welcome! We close with a time of prayer, concluding around noon.

**Community Group** — We will resume gathering informally inside the church in January.

**We Care Center** — Open the first two Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. until noon to give food to the needy. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule.

**CONGREGATION AND  
COMMUNITY CARE:**

Julius Fischer Jr. - Elder  
MINISTER OF MUSIC

George Lenning - Elder  
CLERK OF SESSION

Craig Garrriott, Stan Long, and  
Ben Taylor  
BALM PASTORAL STAFF

MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kaitlin Rankin  
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

**OFFERING — WEEK 1**

|           | Budget  | Giving   |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Last week | \$3,823 | \$10,662 |
| YTD       | \$3,823 | \$10,662 |

If you would like to give online, you may  
do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving)

**Use This Space for Prayer  
Requests, Ideas and Concerns**

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate)

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**Online Offering**

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## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

January 9, 2022

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership  
*(Abbott schedules classes regularly)*
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a community group
- My contact information has changed

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